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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
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SERIAL NO: New Application :
FILED: Herewith : GROUP ART UNIT:
FOR: A HEAT STORAGE DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean copy of the claims incorporating any amendment is shown below.

Please cancel Claims 1, 2 and 5 without prejudice, and amend Claims 6-9 as follows:.

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1. (Canceled)

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2. (Canceled)

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5. (Canceled)

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6. (Amended) A heat storage device according to claims 3 or 4, wherein:

as suppressing means, a property of increasing viscosity by the application of voltage
is provided for the heat storage material or the heat transfer medium in the outer portion in
the heat storage tank; and

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